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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 In re:

9 PETITION OF INDEX NEWSPAPERS LLC
10 d/b/a THE STRANGER TO UNSEAL
11 ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE DOCKETS,
APPLICATIONS, AND ORDERS.

No. MC17-0145RSL

ORDER NOTING PETITION TO
UNSEAL

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13 On November 15, 2017, Index Newspapers LLC, d/b/a The Stranger, filed a “Petition to
14 Unseal Electronic Surveillance Dockets, Applications, and Orders.” Dkt. # 1.¹ Petitioner seeks a
15 change in the docketing procedures of this district so that the public has access to documents
16 related to judicial authorizations of electronic surveillance and orders compelling service
17 providers to assist in law enforcement investigations. Although no responding party was
18 identified, both the District Court and the United States Attorney’s Office may have an interest
19 in the relief requested. There is no indication that either entity was served.

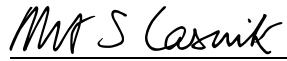
20 Because the relief sought will likely impact their interests, the United States District
21 Court of the Western District of Washington and the United States Attorney’s Office will be
22 given an opportunity to respond to the petition. The Clerk of Court is directed to note the
23 “Petition to Unseal Electronic Surveillance Dockets, Applications, and Orders” on the Court’s
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26 ¹ If petitioner has not already done so, it shall deliver a courtesy copy of the petition and all
exhibits to the Clerk’s Office.

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1 calendar for Friday, January 12, 2018. The Clerk is also directed to send a copy of this Order to
2 William M. McCool, District Court Executive, and to Helen J. Brunner, First Assistant United
3 States Attorney. If either the District Court or the U.S. Attorney's Office wish to be heard in this
4 matter, they may enter an appearance and file a response to the petition on or before January 8,
5 2018.

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7 Dated this 6th day of December, 2017.

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9 Robert S. Lasnik
10 United States District Judge
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